GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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Joint Military Operation with Russia
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint military operation was conducted with Russia recently;
(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the defence ties between the two countries;
(d) whether it is proposed to undertake such exercise in the near future also; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): No joint military operations have been conducted with Russia. However, Indo-Russia Joint Exercise INDRA was conducted from September 22 to 2 October, 2016 in Russia. The aim of the exercise is confidence building, experience sharing & assimilation of best practices between troops of the two nations.

(c) There are bilateral mechanisms, with Russia for enhancing defence cooperation; which includes the High level Monitoring Committee Meeting (HLMC): at the level of Defence Secretary, and the India Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-MTC) at the Ministerial level. Two staff talks between HQ IDS and General Staff of Armed Forces of Russian Federation and between Indian Navy and Russian Navy are also held to promote defence cooperation between armed forces of two sides.

(d) & (e): Ex INDRA NAVY is scheduled to be held at / off Visakhapatnam in December 2016. EX AVIAINDIA between the air force is also planned in 2017.
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